

I feel that it is imperative that the proposal for Portability in Cellular phones numbers move forward as proposed. I have worked in the technology field for over 17 years and understand the economics. By allowing portability, the competition playing field will not only be based on price, but also service (both customer service and service levels).

I cannot think of any reason why this decision should be delayed. If resident-based numbers can be changed at a relatively low cost to the consumer, than I know that the technology exists to facilitate the change in the cellular arena.

I am for free markets and competition. I believe that it is the cellular providers responsibility to continually provide and improve service levels to maintain customers. This legislation will facilitate improved service and increased competition by lowering the switching cost associated with cellular phone service.

Sincerely,

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